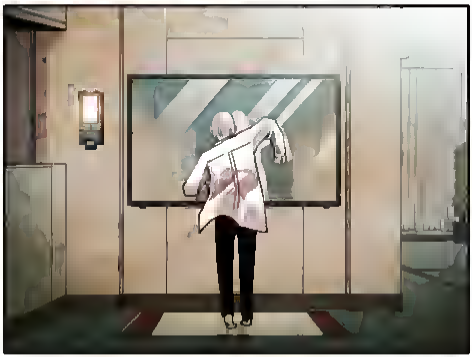

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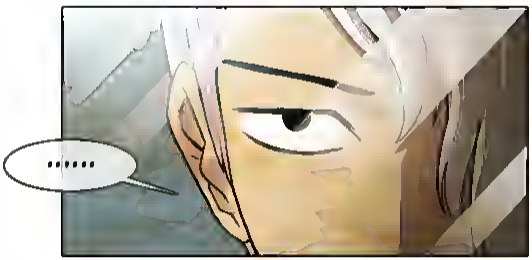
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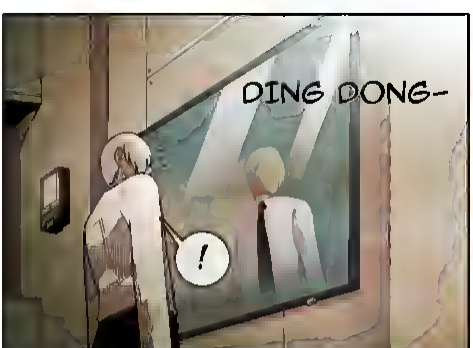
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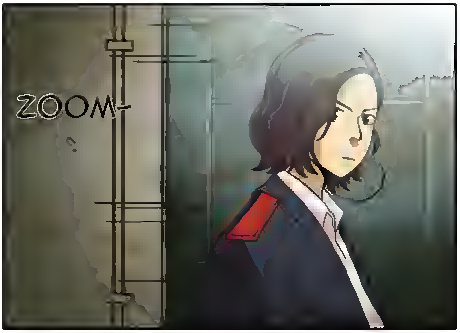
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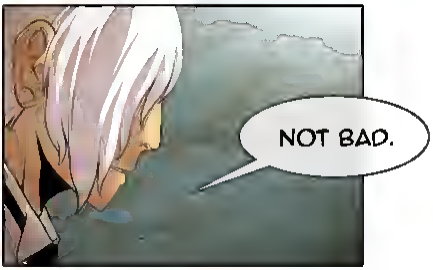
...CELINE.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?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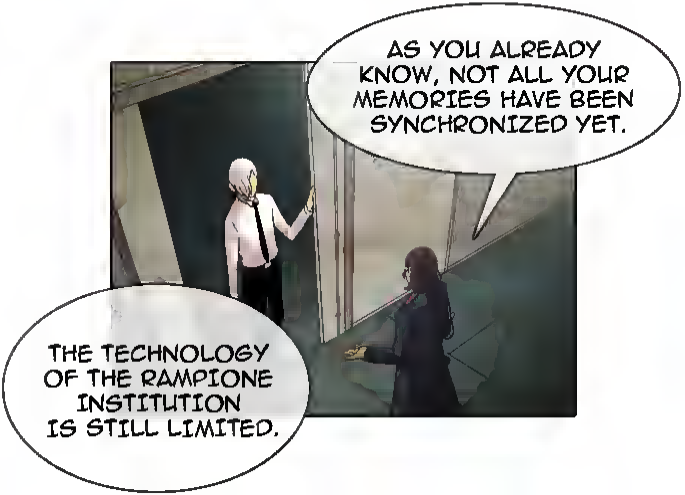
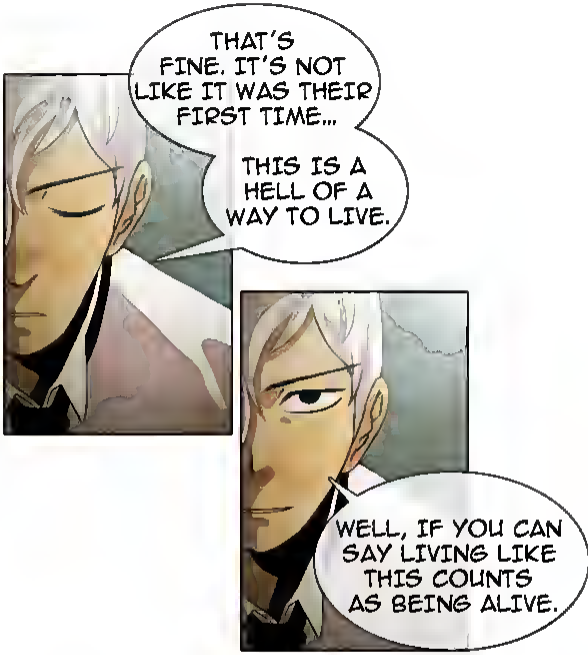
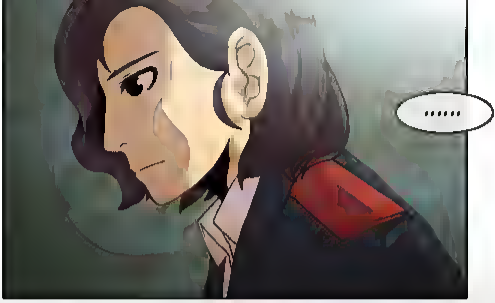

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, NOT ALL YOUR MEMORIES HAVE BEEN SYNCHRONIZED YET.
THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE RAMPIONE INSTITUTION IS STILL LIMITED.


THAT'S FINE. IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS THEIR FIRST TIME...
THIS IS A HELL OF A WAY TO LIVE.
WELL, IF YOU CAN SAY LIVING LIKE THIS COUNTS AS BEING ALIVE.



FOLLOW ME
DR. LORENCINI IS
WAITING FOR YOU

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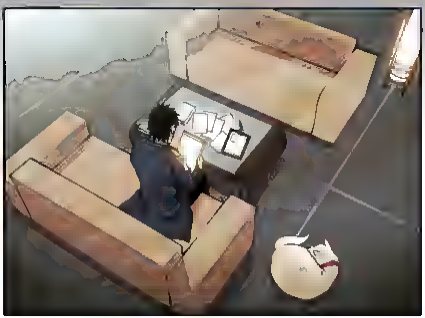

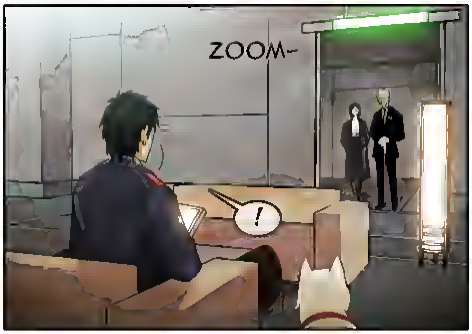
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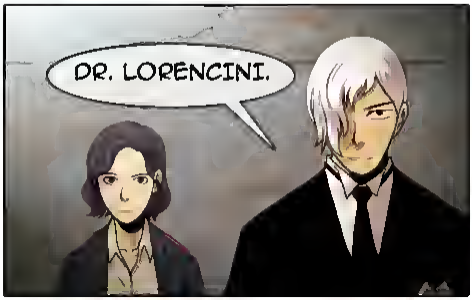
DR. LORENCINI.

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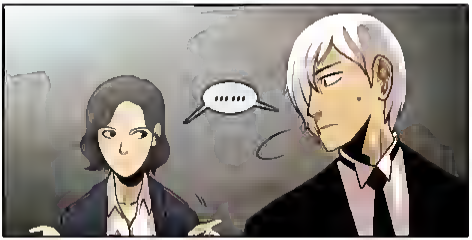
WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE?
SIT DOWN.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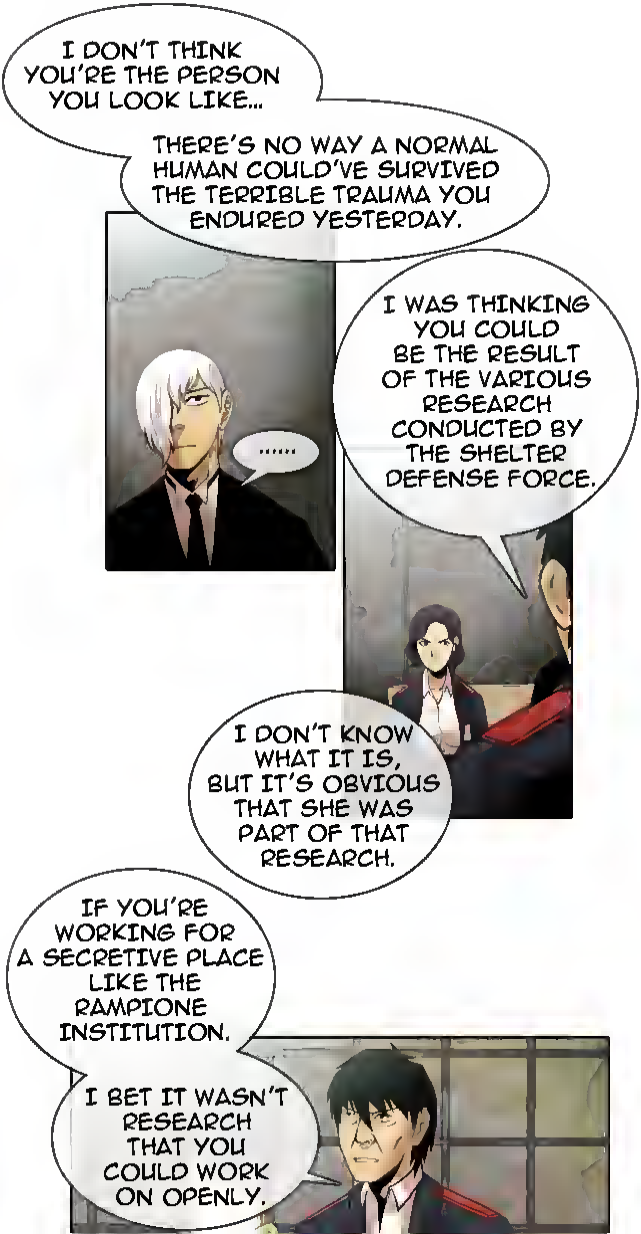
...YOU DON'T SEEM SURPRISED TO SEE ME.
I AM SURPRISED TO SEE YOU.


I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE PERSON YOU LOOK LIKE...
THERE'S NO WAY A NORMAL HUMAN COULD'VE SURVIVED THE TERRIBLE TRAUMA YOU ENDURED YESTERDAY.
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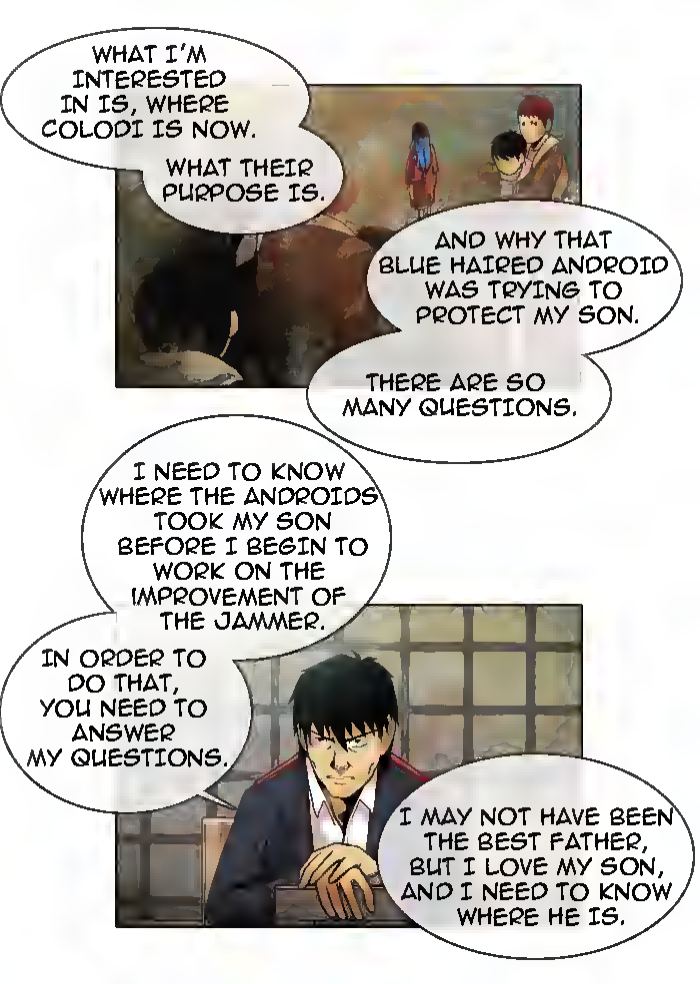
I WAS THINKING YOU COULD BE THE RESULT OF THE VARIOUS RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SHE WAS PART OF THAT RESEARCH.
IF YOU'RE WORKING FOR A SECRETIVE PLACE LIKE THE RAMPIONE INSTITUTION.
I BET IT WASN'T RESEARCH THAT YOU COULD WORK ON OPENLY.

AM I WRONG?
MAYBE...
SHRUG
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM WE ARE FACING RIGHT NOW, DOCTOR.
WE HAVE TO HURRY FOR YOUR KIDNAPPED SON'S SAKE AS WELL AS THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE JAMMER.
THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE JAMMER ITSELF WON'T TAKE LONG.
MASS PRODUCTION IS YOUR JOB.


WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN IS, WHERE COLODI IS NOW.
WHAT THEIR PURPOSE IS.
AND WHY THAT BLUE HAIRED ANDROID WAS TRYING TO PROTECT MY SON.
THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS.
I NEED TO KNOW WHERE THE ANDROIDS TOOK MY SON BEFORE I BEGIN TO WORK ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE JAMMER.
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, YOU NEED TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.
I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE BEST FATHER, BUT I LOVE MY SON, AND I NEED TO KNOW WHERE HE IS.

...WE WANT TO KNOW WHERE THE ANDROIDS ARE AS WELL.

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I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW. MAYBE WE CAN FIND A CLUE BY ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS.

GOOD... LET'S TALK ABOUT WHALE FIRST.

WHO IN THE WORLD IS THIS ANDROID?

WHALE... SHE WAS THE FIRST SUBJECT OF OUR EXPERIMENTS.

ACTUALLY WE LEARNED THAT HER NAME WAS WHALE FROM YOUR SON.

WE DID OBTAIN SOME BASIC DATA IN THE LABORATORY FROM THE FIRST OPERATION.

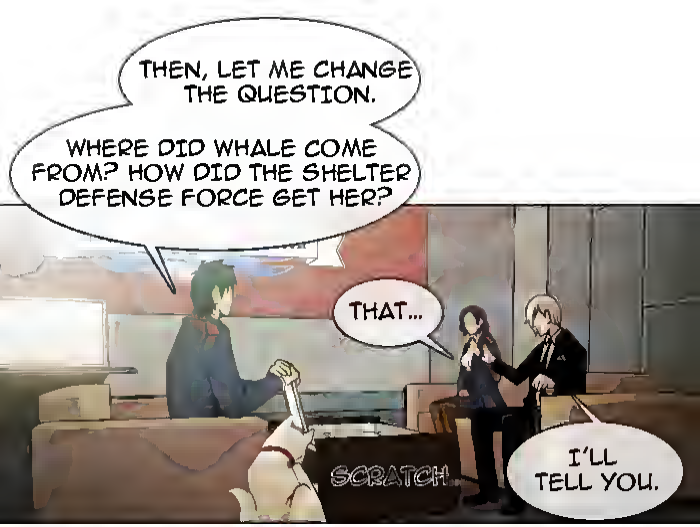
BUT RIGHT AFTER THE OPERATION, SHE RAN AWAY. SO WE DON'T HAVE MUCH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHALE THAN YOU DO.

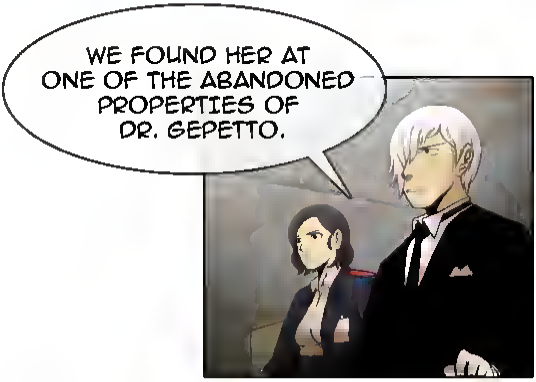
...YOU HAD HER AS A SUBJECT IN AN EXPERIMENT?

WHY DID YOU ACTIVATE HER INSTEAD OF DESTROYING HER AFTER THE FORCED EXILE AND THE CEASEFIRE?

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.

IT'S CODE ONE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, ONLY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE KNOW. IT'S BEYOND OUR AUTHORITY TO TELL YOU.


THEN, LET ME CHANGE THE QUESTION.
WHERE DID WHALE COME FROM? HOW DID THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCE GET HER?
THAT...
SCRATCH
I'LL TELL YOU.


WE FOUND HER AT ONE OF THE ABANDONED PROPERTIES OF DR. GEPETTO.

...DR. GEPETTO?
YES.
'MS. WHALE' IS...
THE LAST ANDROID THAT DR. GEPETTO CREATED.

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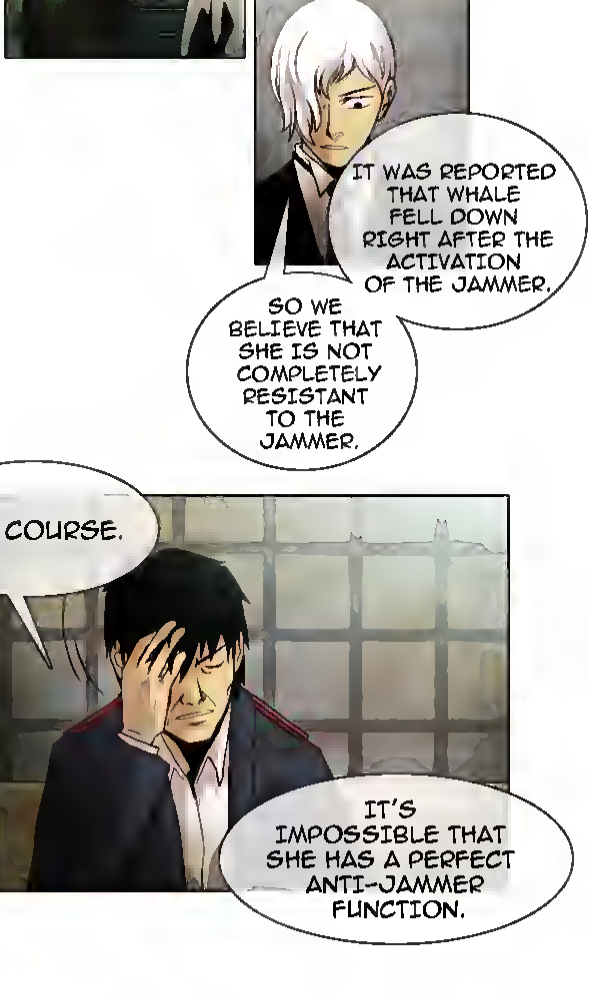
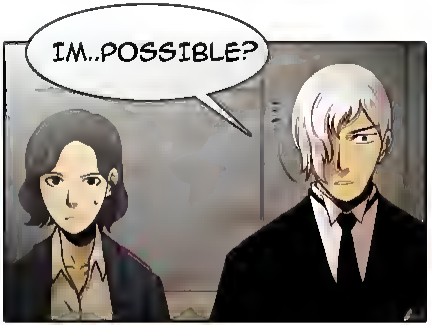
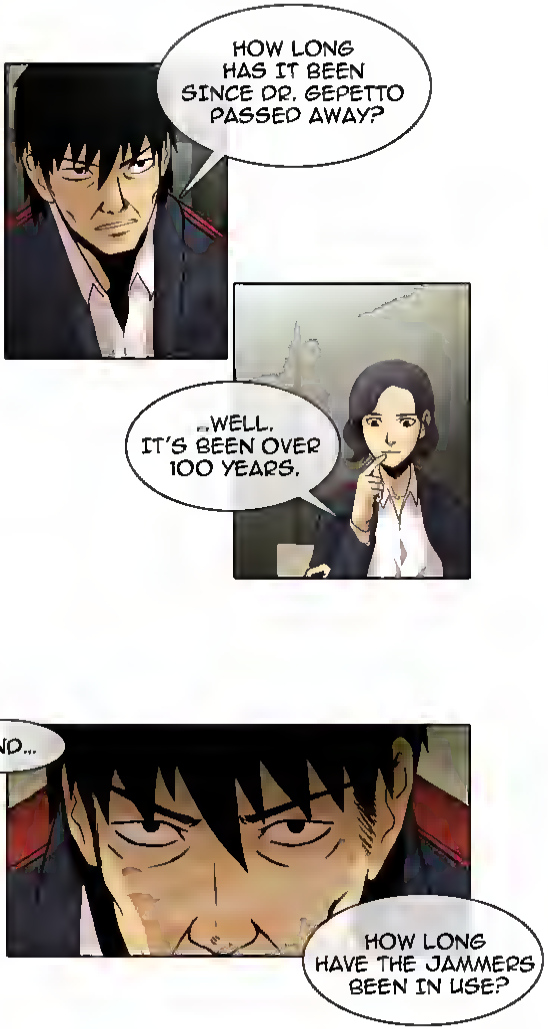
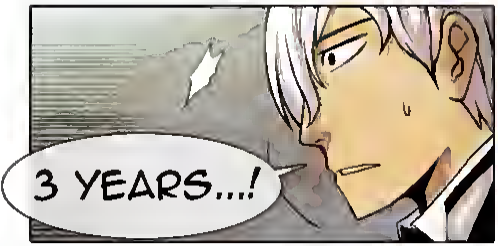
KEEP GOING.
WE KEPT LOOKING FOR WHALE, EVEN WHILE THE FIERCE BATTLE RAGED AGAINST THE ANDROIDS.
IT WAS MY ASSIGNMENT AND I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR HER FOR A LONG TIME.
WE DID FIND HER AFTER A LOT OF EFFORT. HOWEVER, SHE RAN AWAY AS SOON AS SHE WAS ACTIVATED.
THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCE WENT AFTER HER, AND ACTIVATED A JAMMER, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK.


IT WAS REPORTED THAT WHALE FELL DOWN RIGHT AFTER THE ACTIVATION OF THE JAMMER.
SO WE BELIEVE THAT SHE IS NOT COMPLETELY RESISTANT TO THE JAMMER.
OF COURSE.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT SHE HAS A PERFECT ANTI-JAMMER FUNCTION.

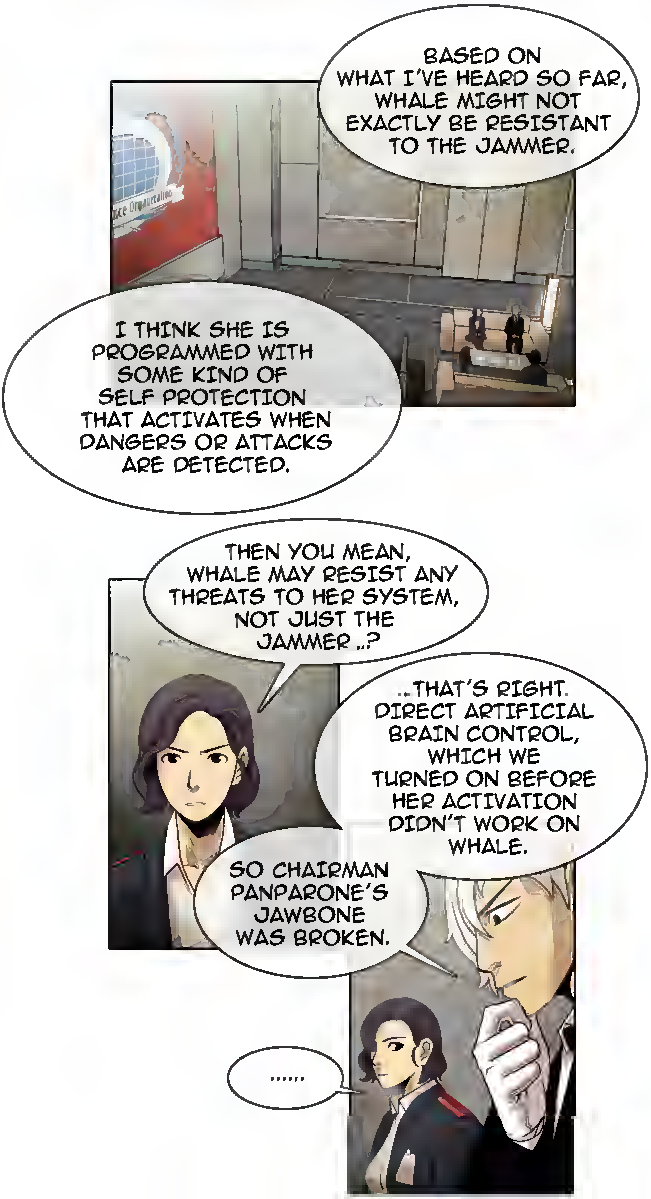

IM..POSSIBLE?

...WHAT? HAVEN'T YOU TWO SEEN THE DISCREPANCIES?
WHAT?
YOU AREN'T EVEN CATCHING SIMPLE THINGS...
THINK ABOUT IT. YOU SAID THAT WHALE WAS THE LAST ANDROID THAT DR. GEPETTO CREATED.
RIGHT.


HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE DR. GEPETTO PASSED AWAY?
..WELL.. IT'S BEEN OVER 100 YEARS.
AND...
HOW LONG HAVE THE JAMMERS BEEN IN USE?


3 YEARS...!

NOW DO YOU SEE?
HOW COULD AN ANDROID CREATED 100 YEARS AGO, HAVE AN ANTI-JAMMER FUNCTION?


BASED ON WHAT I'VE HEARD SO FAR, WHALE MIGHT NOT EXACTLY BE RESISTANT TO THE JAMMER.
I THINK SHE IS PROGRAMMED WITH SOME KIND OF SELF PROTECTION THAT ACTIVATES WHEN DANGERS OR ATTACKS ARE DETECTED.
THEN YOU MEAN, WHALE MAY RESIST ANY THREATS TO HER SYSTEM, NOT JUST THE JAMMER..?
..THAT'S RIGHT. DIRECT ARTIFICIAL BRAIN CONTROL, WHICH WE TURNED ON BEFORE HER ACTIVATION DIDN'T WORK ON WHALE.
SO CHAIRMAN PANPARONE'S JAWBONE WAS BROKEN.
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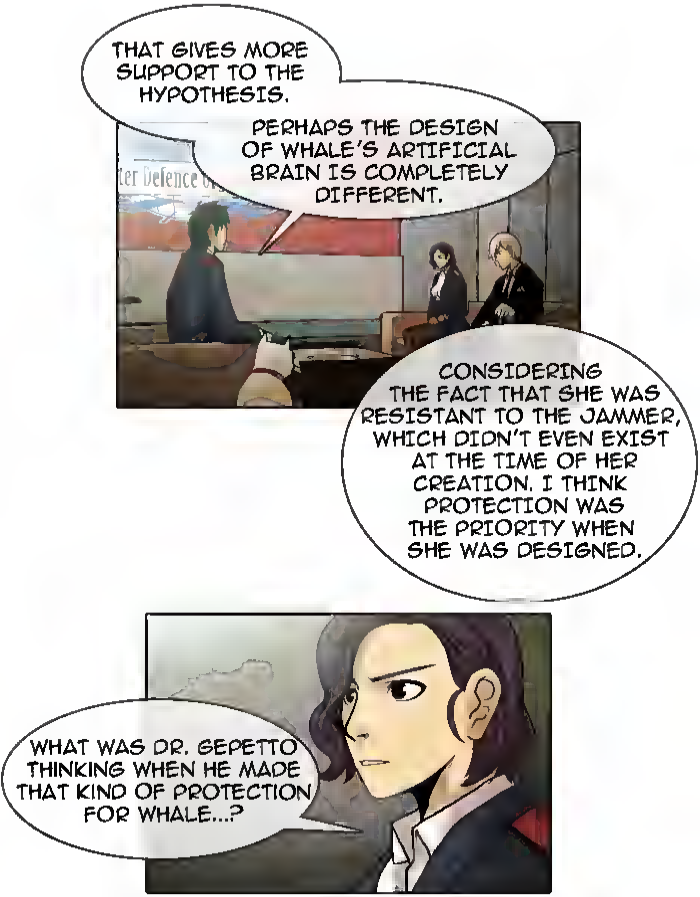
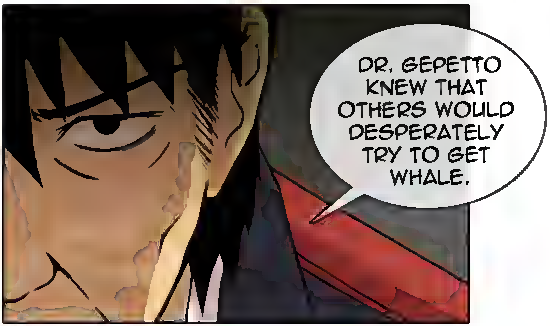

THAT GIVES MORE SUPPORT TO THE HYPOTHESIS.
PERHAPS THE DESIGN OF WHALE'S ARTIFICIAL BRAIN IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT SHE WAS RESISTANT TO THE JAMMER, WHICH DIDN'T EVEN EXIST AT THE TIME OF HER CREATION. I THINK PROTECTION WAS THE PRIORITY WHEN SHE WAS DESIGNED.
WHAT WAS DR. GEPETTO THINKING WHEN HE MADE THAT KIND OF PROTECTION FOR WHALE...?

I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE HE WANTED TO KEEP WHATEVER SECRET YOU WON'T TELL ME.
YOU MEAN...


DR. GEPETTO KNEW THAT OTHERS WOULD DESPERATELY TRY TO GET WHALE.

100 YEARS AGO.

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